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The earth may be passing through a region unusually rich with meteoric debris, he explained, *or the fireballs are connected with some sort of military tests.*

"There has never been a rate of meteorite fall in history that has been one-fifth as high as the present fall," said Dr. LaPaz. "*If that rate should continue, I would suspect the phenomenon is not natural.*"

One trouble, says Dr. LaPaz, is that the fireballs reported by observers in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Utah and Nevada don't behave like ordinary meteorites.

First of all, they travel in straight lines when meteorites should follow a curved course.

Second, they are silent, though meteorites of such size should make a definite noise.

Third, they have a greenish color which has not been reported outside the southwestern area.

One object swept 125 miles across Arizona on November 2 and vanished in a blinding flash — but without a noise. Walter Hass, a meteorologist, estimated that the fireball was about 10 times as bright as the brightest full moon.

But the strangest, according to Dr. LaPaz, consisted of two objects flying parallel which apparently crashed near Cloverdale, New Mexico. They sent up a double mushroom of smoke — but again there was no noise.

"This case is without parallel in the whole of recorded history," said Dr. LaPaz. "I've never heard of anything like it." He continued: "I'm almost inclined to ask those fellows out in Nevada (at the atom bomb test center) what they have been up to."

Is this a flying saucer? Guy B. Marquand, Jr., who photographed it near Riverside, Calif., claims that it is.

All the objects seen in the two month period are not as easily explained away. On one recent Monday night, three mysterious fireballs were sighted in the skies near Taos, N. M. The first hung motionless over U. S. Hill on the Santa Fe Highway at dusk and burned a bright yellow for nearly two minutes before disappearing. Some local observers believed a faint trail of white smoke was visible shortly after the light had disappeared.

A few minutes later a second fireball was seen over the mountains

northeast of Taos. It lasted for more than three minutes and seemed to swing back and forth slightly, while hanging in the sky. The third light appeared shortly after 10 P.M. and moved across the town from north to south and disappeared.

Similarly at Santa Fe, New Mexico, unidentified lights had been seen on the previous Wednesday over the airport. When airport workers saw the object they switched on field lights. Observers said the object came into the field at about a 30° angle and then started to climb straight up, where it remained high in the sky for almost an hour.

At Gallup, N. M., early risers saw shiny objects move across the face of the rising sun. Many witnesses saw the objects, including Frank Shepherd, announcer for radio station KGAK. All witnesses agreed that the objects moved erratically — sometimes at high speed and sometimes appeared suspended and motionless.

The airport control tower at Grand Rapids, Mich., and two pilots of Capital Airlines reported on November 24 that they had sighted a ball of light at low altitude moving at a "high rate of speed." The time was 6:24 P.M.

Peruvian scientists were puzzled by reports that two "comets" visible to the naked eye were observed for several days from Piscobama, 200 miles north of Lima. Dr. Jose Dominguez, governor of the Piscobama district, reported the objects had been visible since November 24. Victor Estremadoyro, president of the Peruvian Astronomy Association, advised the report should be accepted "with reservations."

Observers in the San Francisco Bay area were startled at a mysterious streak of fire and an explosion reported in the grassy hills behind Sears Point. They thought an airplane had crashed. Rescue parties went in on the ground but discovered no evidence of any plane. Meanwhile the object had created a ground fire which died out by itself during the night.

IN the July 1950 issue of FATE we ran a detailed story by Stanley J. Meyer on the miracle at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, in which three Portuguese children claimed to see and talk with the Virgin Mary. Catholics have come to accept this as one of the most authentic miracles of modern times.

Last November 17, *L'Osservator Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, published two photographs of what it described as the "revolving sun" phenomena at Fatima. The Vatican newspaper story covered exactly the same ground as Mr. Meyer's story in FATE. In the years since 1917 skepticism of the phenomena has given place to faith in it.

The two photographs published in *L'Osservator Romano* are repro-

duced here and, according to the newspaper, are of "rigorously authentic origin." They showed, the newspaper said, "both the black mark in the sun, produced by its very rapid rotation, and the position of the sun itself, almost on the horizon — a position entirely impossible in the hour in which the photographs were taken — that is precisely at 12:30."

Here is the official Catholic account:

"The vision began at 12 o'clock. At 12:30 rainy weather cleared, and a little afterwards a voice cried: 'Look at the sun!'

"All saw the sun spinning dizzily around itself and at the same time describing a terrific descending parabola. The multitude impetuously invoked Divine clemency.

"A few minutes later the prodigy ended but, nonetheless, some who had equipped themselves with cameras to photograph the three little prophets, succeeded in fixing the exceptional scene."

Frederico Cardinal Tedeschini, speaking last October 13 during services at Fatima, declared that Pope Pius himself had seen this same miracle in October and November, 1950. It was on November 1 that the Pope formally proclaimed the dogma of the Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into Heaven.

Some of the foregoing incidents are undoubtedly easily explained. But for others we have not the slightest idea concerning their cause. We have been criticized by some of our readers for not offering more "theories" about unknown phenomena. But to do that, we believe, would be both unwise and presumptuous.

We believe that the job of FATE is to report facts, not to write fancy theories. When we have strong opinions we will not hesitate to give them. But when that occasion arises, you may be sure that our opinions will be based upon facts and upon reason. — *Curtis Fuller.*

PREDICTS HIS DEATH

THERE'S a man dying here," 80-year-old Adolph Wulff, retired civil engineer, told police over the telephone. Wulff gave his name and address and hung up. Sgt. John J. Sherlock answered the call and said that Wulff appeared to be in normal health, but insisted that he was going to die. Sherlock tried to talk him out of it but Wulff demanded he call an ambulance. "I know when I'm going to die," he told the officer. He did, on his way to the hospital.

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On December 9, the end signal of the Saucer landing period, President Truman suddenly cut short his vacation in Florida and flew to Washington into conference with the military chiefs involving the "whole world," he said. Though the news commentators mentioned several sufficient emergencies, the President stressed overmuch that there was "No Emergency." An emergency trip with no emergency?

I really do know what the flying saucers are and where they are coming from. And I have charted the saucer activity dates from February 18, 1947, to October 15, 1953. In good time I will reveal these discoveries. — *Lonzo Dove, Broadway, Virginia.*

I would like to make a report on a "thing" that my two sisters saw plainly. A crew of threshers saw it and were very close to it. It appeared in the southwest sky here in central North Dakota about nine in the morning in mid-August. It was white smoke in the shape of a sickle. It turned, rose sharply, curved again, and then the smoke trailed out to the southeast as it moved along, sometimes within 300 feet of the ground. The long trail of smoke could still be seen two hours later.

A round shiny object was seen twice. It was perfectly calm and there were no clouds in the sky.

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bail-outs of Lieutenant Becht on the 11th of the month were two months apart: May 11, 1944 in France; July 11, 1944 in England; September 11, 1944 in France. FATE is a stimulating magazine . . . more people should get to know it. — *Edward S. Makowski, Endicott, N. Y.*

BALLS OF FIRE

On the night of October 27 I was driving west on U. S. Route 30 between Laramie, Wyo., and Rawlins, Wyo. It was about 8:30 p.m. and I was near the little town of Hanna. I was climbing a good grade which necessitated my shifting the large truck I was driving into a low gear, making my speed quite slow.

As I was going up this grade, I noticed what looked at first like a bright star off to my right in a northwest direction. To my surprise the star appeared to be growing and getting very bright. I realized that it was not a star at all but something right on top of the hill. When I was within about 200 or 300 yards the light faded out just as it had come up and disappeared completely. When I did reach the top of the hill I looked for something which might have been the cause of the light but there was nothing.

However, I continued to watch the sky, which was clear and star-filled, although there was no moon, and within a few moments

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I saw the same performance repeated once again on a hilltop a mile or so to the southwest of where I was. The light began as a pin point, rapidly expanding to a bright round white light apparently several feet across, and then faded out as it had come.

The light remained on both times for about 30 seconds, perhaps a little more or less. Although I continued to watch for some time after this second light appeared, no further lights were seen, excepting a brilliant falling star or meteor, which exploded and fell in two separate parts.

I could see several airplane beacon lights in the far distance but there is none within miles of this point and I know what they look like. I am not saying that these lights could be from flying saucers, but I do say that they were the strangest thing I have ever seen in many years of scanning the skies. — *W. Barton Williams, South Bend, Ind.*

CLAIMS SAUCER KNOWLEDGE

The scheduled Saucer landing according to my predictions came due November 21 to December 9–12, 1951. Appropriately after the publicized misbehaving "Shooting Stars" of October 27 to November 9, seven shining objects were seen in 13 days, scanning the skies, some in pairs moving from horizon to horizon east to west which is backward to the normal

Even those close to it could hear no sound nor smell the smoke. The shiny part was quite small. In June of 1949 we saw a similar smoke streak and neighbors reported seeing a shiny object at its head. — *Florence Newsom, Hurdsfield, N. D.*

I definitely believe in the existence of these saucers and partly because the explanations of authorized authorities simply do not explain. — *Mrs. O. A. Ausenheimer, Tacoma, Wash.*

NOT REALLY A CRITICISM

That confounded FATE. When it comes in it means that myself and wife drop all other reading we happen to be doing and start to eat up FATE. That is a magazine what'am. — *Edward R. Walker, Pueblo, Colo.*

PROTECT THE HYPNOTISTS

I bring to your attention the near future destruction of free thought, speech, spirit and press by a small group called the Hypnodonetics Society in New York State.

A group of New York dentists have taken an interest in hypnosis and they have a training system for those dentists who are interested. This means that all psychics, publications, associations, parlor and stage hypnotists are to cease functioning. Your magazine can-

cles used in jumping he would be unable to jump. Just so with the Will. If it has never been used it will not be strong enough to control the spirit. Nor does this mean that all strong-willed persons can travel in time. It must be the correct function of the will. Nothing happens by "accident."

One interesting point remains. After the man dismounted from the train would he be interested in going backward in "time?" I doubt it. When he discovers all the marvelous wonders of which he had not even dreamed I do not think that the future would interest him either. He could wander off perpendicular to time and find infinite parallels to his own time, existing simultaneously with it.

I do not know of anyone who has such complete control and will power as to enable him to move freely through time. Perhaps such people exist. But for most of us it remains an infinitely short experience that is always hard to remember exactly — even hard to separate from imagination. We can only speculate, define by analogy, and experiment. But I believe that in so doing we come closer to the truth of existence than scientists will ever get by all their elaborate mechanisms and mechanistic theories.

THE NAVY'S SAUCERS

THE United States Navy, like all other big organizations, does not always let its right hand know what its left is doing.

A few months before the Navy's Doctor Liddell issued his report that the Office of Navy Research felt that all responsible flying saucer reports could be explained by cosmic ray balloons, another Navy source issued a different report.

Naval Aviation News, the official Navy magazine, early in February reported the sighting of two mysterious smoke-trailing objects by an American warship off Korea. The incident occurred last December and personnel aboard the seaplane tender *Gardiners Bay* reported that the two objects struck the water at tremendous speed off the ship's port bow while it was steaming up the channel from Inchon.

Under the title "Sighting Flying Disks Again?" the Navy magazine reported: "Two huge columns of water rose to about 100 feet in height at the point of contact. No aircraft could be sighted by radar or visually overhead although the ceiling was unlimited. Identification remains a great mystery."

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Grounded Among the Flying Saucers

By FRANK SCULLY

Two years ago I seem to have told the world in "Behind the Flying Saucers" that saucers, like girls, were here to stay and that we might as well get used to their being around, learn something of their patterns of flight as well as the behavior patterns of their pilots and something of protocol on the interplanetary level.

I note the Pentagonians are still determined to shoot them on sight. They seem to see them but their sights seem to be circular and the shots shoot down anything but flying saucers.

The power propelling these objects is a great mystery to all except those who have followed our particular party line. It's magnetic and what the present crop of saucers are likely doing is mapping our magnetic fault zones and getting all the material necessary to make landings not only safe but takeoffs sure. This requires a vast knowledge of the magnetic theory of the universe, and our visitors cannot be wholly in command of this material or none of their space ships would have grounded or cracked up. We on the other hand are abysmally ignorant of the subject and our best minds have only an inkling of what this force is and how it operates.

Read on for Gusto's feature of the month on FLYING SAUCERS. ▶

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Scully, a long-time contributor to Gusto, needs no introduction to our readers. When questioned for a statement he referred to the following excerpts from his best-selling book "Behind The Flying Saucers". "These excerpts," explained Scully, "should show your readers how far ahead we were two years ago."

Scully quotes an undisclosed scientist who claimed to have worked on captured "saucers":

"Having done this, we looked into the interior. There we were able to count sixteen bodies, that ranged in height from about 36 to 42 inches.

We assumed that there must be a door of some kind, unless these people had been hermetically sealed in a pressurized cabin, so we prodded around with the pole which we had used to push through the opening made through the broken porthole, and on the opposite side from the broken porthole, we hit a knob; or a double *knob, to be exact. When we pushed against that* double *knob, to our amazement and surprise, a door flew open. This enabled us to get into the ship.*

BODIES APPEARED NORMAL

We took the little bodies out, and laid them on the ground. We examined them and their clothing. I remember one of our team saying, 'That looks like the style of 1890'. They were normal from every standpoint and had no appearance of being what we call on this planet midgets. They were perfectly normal in their development. The only trouble was that their skin seemed to be charred a very dark chocolate color. About the only thing that we could decide at the time was that their bodies had been burned as a result of air rushing through that broken porthole window, or something going wrong with the means by which the ship was propelled and the cabin pressurized.

We then began an examina-

Scully relates inspections of saucers and mysterious crews

tion of the ship itself. First we decided to take complete measurements of the ship from the outside. The skin was aluminum colored.

'Reports that had appeared from time to time in the papers about these strange visitors,' continued Dr. Gee, 'had always been to the effect that they looked like flying saucers. With this ship on the ground we could not help but be aware of the fact that it looked like a huge saucer, and you might almost say that there was a cup in it, because the cabin set in an insert in the bottom of the saucer. The over-all dimensions of the ship were found to be a fraction short of 100 feet in diameter. To be exact it measured 99 99/100 *feet wide. From the outer tip of the wing, which was entirely circular, to the bottom of the saucer, measuring in an imaginary line vertically, was 27 inches. The cabin which was entirely round, was 18 feet across, and 72 inches in height. Exactly 45 inches of the cabin was exposed above the outer rim of the saucer.'*

Sixteen men, ranging in ages, he would guess, from thirty-five to forty years old, if we use our calendar of time, were taken dead from the first craft. Their bodies had been charred to a dark brown color.

SECOND CRAFT FOUND

Sixteen dead men were also found in the second craft. These, however, had not suffered from burns apparently, and were all of fair complexion. Otherwise they were like the first space travelers —of small stature. No different from us, except for height, and lack of beards. Some had a fine growth resembling peach fuzz.

The third ship was also manned and the men in it were also dead. This one, a small saucer, 36 feet in diameter, had a crew of only two. These men had lived to land, because they had died while attempting to climb out of their cabin.

The ships carried no weapons, and the speaker assumed that they had solved the problem of disintegrating an object which might pursue or threaten them.

He has been assigned to direct a division of top scientists during the war. Their task was to knock submarines out of the seven seas and directed-missiles out of the skies by other than the slow and disheartening methods then in use. They conducted 35,000 experiments on land, sea, and air on this defense project. They worked out of two laboratories and had a budget of one billion dollars at their secret command."

NEWTON ANSWERS CRITICS

Silas M. Newton, president of Newton Oil Company, was the man who first interested Frank Scully in "project saucer". Together they have won world-wide acclaim with their revelations on interplanetary space ships. Knowing both to be men of integrity, we have admired their stand for the past two years. Newton issued the following statement for Gusto:

"More than two years ago in Frank Scully's 'Behind The Flying Saucers', we advanced the theory that the strange objects, yclept flying saucers, were utilizing a new method of propulsion, to wit: the application and use of magnetic lines of force. For some years now, these objects are being observed singly and flying in mass formation in almost every country on this planet. They have been observed in hundreds of cases by pilots, navigators and others whose reliability as witnesses is certified by years of experience in identifying familiar and unfamiliar objects in the sky.

Their patterns of flight, their incredible speeds, and their complete absence of the roar so familiar to any type of propulsive method known to man, lend further credit to our claim that these strange objects are propelled magnetically.

Since no nations on this planet lay claim to or admit that they have developed magnetic propulsion as a motive force for ships of the air, it becomes more and more apparent with each sighting and visitation that these mysterious travelers come from places beyond our atmosphere.

There are today many engineers of high repute, some identified with the manufacture of our own planes devoted both to peace and war-time use, who believe magnetic propulsion is just around the corner. It is our conviction that when the truth about "saucers" is finally confessed, which we claim is already known to many, it will be admitted at last that the dream of all engineers—a perfect form of propulsion for all our needs on land, sea and air—has been perfected and put in use for interplanetary travel."

RETIRED GENERAL SPEAKS OUT

Herbert C. Holdridge, Brigadier General (U.S.A. Retired) formerly a national director of Army Officer training during World War II, in an exclusive statement to Gusto said:

"The day the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima marked the end of the era of reliance upon weapons of violence for the defense of nationalities. The presumption that we might be invaded by beings from another planet assumes that they are far in advance of us in their use of technologies, including the technologies of destruction.

"Just as we must find peaceful solutions for national and world adjustments, or end in world suicide, so would we be forced to find peaceful relationships on an inter-planetary basis. Columbus did not come ashore firing his

Some ignore saucers — others demand a practical plan

guns to kill the Indians. We may assume that beings from another planet would be as far advanced spiritually as technologically, would have graduated from the moronic obsession which possesses the minds of the leaders of our sad planet that the road to security lies across the bodies of our dead youth, and, even as Columbus, would come in peace, not in war. This, in spite of the fact that our fliers, conditioned to the techniques of gangsterism which require them to shoot first and think afterward, have been reported as attempting the childish feat of shooting down space ships with machine guns.

"The only intelligent answer to a possible invasion from outer space, for governmental authorities and for individuals, would be to greet these beings as friends, to welcome them into our midst, and to gain from them the creative lessons which they would undoubtedly be prepared to teach."

"FROM DISTANT STAR"

Arthur Joquel II, director of "Project Spaceward" for the Reaction Research Society and recognized rocket expert, believes. . . "A large spherical mother ship sends out smaller saucer-like vehicles to explore the planet and in turn guides by remote control observation discs. Since it is apparently unlikely that there is another inhabited planet in our solar system, these mysterious space ships must come from a planet of some more distant star using a means of ultra rapid propulsion which we have not as yet achieved." He continues, "The reason for their activity may be the mining of certain mineral deposits which may possibly be found on the back side of the Moon. There has been much speculation as to what is on the back side of the Moon. So far we have not 'discovered' it. Uranium may be up there."

Walter Riedel, designer of the V-2 bomb and presently head of Civilian Saucer Investigations stated recently, "it's inconceivable to believe that these 'mysterious objects' seen by competent observers are from this planet."

Dr. George Speri Sperti, director of Cincinnati's Institutum Divi Thomae, stated on this subject, "with the piercing of the ultrasonic barrier, there seems to be little reason to doubt the possibility that objects can travel at any of the speeds reported for 'flying saucers'."

RELIGIOUS LEADERS COMMENT

The writer continued his search for facts by finding out what the Churches had to say regarding space ships and people on other planets. The Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., dean of Sacred Theology Department of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., has stated, "neither revelation, the common teaching of the Fathers, tradition, nor the solemn pronouncements of the Popes rule out the possibility of life, perhaps similar to ours, on another planet.

"Theologians have speculated on this problem long before Orson Welles frightened America with dreams of 'Men From Mars', or before Buck Rogers and 'space ships' became standard fantasies in the Sunday comics.

"More than 70 years ago the question was discussed by Rev. Angelo Secchi, famous Italian Jesuit astronomer, and Rev. Jacques Monsabre, prominent French Dominican orator. Both admitted the possibility of rational creatures existing on another planet.

"Theologians never have dared limit the Omnipotence of God to the creation of the world we know," Father Connell stated. "A possibility is that these supposed extra-terrestial beings received both the supernatural and preternatural gifts of Adam and Eve and did not lose them through sin. Thus they might still be living in the conditions of a primordial 'paradise of pleasure' such as Genesis says Adam and Eve enjoyed before they ate the forbidden fruit. They might be intellectually and physically far superior to us. With their preternatural gifts, it would be reasonable to suppose that they would be far ahead of us technically. With their superior intellect they might well have mastered interplanetary travel. It is reasonable to surmise that such beings would never wage war against men on earth or harm us in any way. In fact, it would be unlikely that such beings should have conflicts among themselves, or should ever have invented weapons to destroy each other.

"If these supposedly rational beings should possess the immortality of body once enjoyed by Adam and Eve it would be foolish for our super-jet or rocket pilots to attempt to shoot them. They would be unkillable," concluded Father Connell's statement.

It was pointed out by other Catholic Church authorities that the Church solemnly teaches that a great multitude of intellectual beings exist in addition to human beings — angels in Heaven and devils in Hell.

Bishop Roy Utley, Latter Day Saints Church, Los Angeles, stated that if "flying saucers" are from another planet and do land, he advised the people to "go to the Lord in supplication for understanding and wisdom in knowing what action to take," and as an afterthought he said he also "would repent."

GOVERNMENT MEN MUM

The following Federal, Los Angeles County, and City officials were contacted and asked "if Los Angeles was invaded by 'flying

We must face evidence and act immediately

saucers' what action would you take?"

Mayor Fletcher Bowron's office failed to issue a statement after two days.

Los Angeles Chief of Police William Parker's office did not wish to make a statement.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz's office stated sheriff was out of town, and only he could issue a statement on subject.

Los Angeles Civil Defense office, headed by Admiral Berry (USN Ret.): Office had no knowledge of "saucers" and feels that no statement should be made.

Civil Air Patrol: "No statement."

Air Force: "No comment. Washington has to issue statements of this kind."

Los Angeles City Councilman Edward Roybal: "There should be coordination of efforts between the military and civilians to determine what the 'saucers' are." He added that he does not believe in them and considered them "natural phenomena."

Los Angeles County Supervisor John Anson Ford: "If 'saucers' do exist they are probably friendly—having an obviously superior intelligence to ours, having conquered space. And as a result they have recognized the futility of war. Again, if they do exist, they are probably just curious and friendly."

Los Angeles Red Cross Disaster Service: "We would alert all civilian and disaster committees. In case 'invaders' might be unfriendly the Red Cross urges all civilians to take Red Cross courses in 'self-help' technique, first-aid and home-nursing."

LOTT COMPLAINS

Commander Dave Lott (USN Ret.), former deputy commanding officer of the Armed Forces Radio Services in Hollywood: "We have apparently been invaded already! Planes should be put on a 24-hour alert basis patrolling the skies with cameras." (Ed. note: They have already done this in the East.) Lott is forming an organization of civilians called DISC—Disc Investigating Screening Center—to act as a collection center for "Flying Saucer Information."

Commander Lott recently returned to inactive duty. One minute after he regained his civilian status he sent out telegrams listing his complaints against the services and the FBI to President Harry Truman; Air Force General Hoyt Vandenberg; Defense Secretary Robert Lovett; FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover. Lott charged "gross injustices." He remarked that the Air Force's handling of the flying saucer investigation was one of the most inept, disgraceful and downright ludicrous displays of inefficiency ever displayed in a governmental operation." Lott emphasized that he was not critcizing the FBI, but rather the conditions under which it is forced to operate.

MAN ON THE STREET

Air Corps Reserve Officer (name withheld): "My Commander says there are no 'flying saucers.' He didn't say there are no 'unidentified objects.' However, he followed up his statement with 'and they are not detrimental to us'."

Albert Davis, store clerk: "It's frightening to think that people like Admiral Berry of our Civil Defense here in Los Angeles have no plans or suggestions to offer the people.

Frank Dowdle, salesman: "If these space ships come from another planet and may be able to cross magnetic lines of force, I am definitely worried. I understand that noted scientists have said if these people possess that answer we could not cope with such a weapon. I think it's about time our government officials take proper steps to communicate with these visitors and let them know that we are friendly. Above all, let's stop immediately such ridiculous blanket orders as 'shoot down all unidentified objects'."

BARRAGE BALLOONS URGED

The writer believes that if we are to assume that there are such things as "flying saucers" controlled by men from another planet, it should behoove us to prepare ourselves for such an eventuality as an invasion. Perhaps barrage balloons equipped with telescopic cameras synchronized with radar to track the "saucers" is one suggestion. These balloons should be placed in all strategic areas. The balloons could be of the same type as used during World War II. Here, it seems, is an answer to the 24-hour vigil that evidently is required. We might call it a 24-hour photographic vigil.

Qualified authorities have assured us there are "flying saucers" and in some cases they have already landed here in America. The question now arises how intelligent are we and how will we handle the situation?

Self-Reliance

By GUY BATES POST

Happiness is a wonderful state of mind, and I feel a thrill in telling people that I'm happy. There is no denying that fear is the basic reason for most of the unhappiness in this world. Self-reliance is a characteristic that is learned and developed from childhood. Initiative and self-reliance are closely associated, and fear in children is turned into confidence, I think, as the child learns to protect himself from misfortune. A child would put his hand on a hot stove and must be taught that he would suffer by it. Children learn to run, and they find that by so doing they escape injury. They learn to swim and soon lose fear of deep water. They learn to box and wrestle and feel more secure with society. They learn that thieves carry pistols, and that if no resistance is offered the victim is seldom molested. They graduate from the primitive to familiarity with sports and this develops agility of the body.

We learn that when a baseball is thrown to us, if we draw our hands backward as the ball strikes our hands, we avoid some of the sting and even being badly bruised. We learn by increasing our knowledge of literature or music or science and all of the arts, that we meet society on a more common ground and avoid impatience and misunderstanding; as our general knowledge increases, our confidence increases. We appear to be a person in proportion to the state of development we have achieved, and we are happy as long as we feel confident and are without fear. This is very true of the actor when facing his audience. If he has learned how to do his job, he is so engrossed with doing that job beautifully that he has no time to think of self which, after all, is a pretty good definition of stage fright.

SAFE AND SOUND

I am a very lucky person. Many things have happened to me and in each case I have suffered no injury. I have been close to drowning but didn't. I've been held up at the point of a pistol. I've been in jail but was out in half an hour, and have been the victim of many of the awful things we read about in our daily papers and always came out unscathed.

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Greet Us Monthly

WE have what we know will be good news to most of you. FATE is going monthly. The July-August issue will be the last hyphenated issue of this magazine. All issues will be dated monthly from now on but we will not actually start on a monthly schedule until the November issue. Takes us until then to get caught up. Thereafter FATE will appear on sale on or about the first of each month. Of course you will get it earlier if you are a subscriber.

A Note On Green Fireballs

I HAVE been asked why scientists — particularly astronomers — are so especially interested (I think "concerned" is too strong a word) about the mysterious green fireballs which have been seen in the Southwest since last fall. "Aren't they just ordinary meteors?" is the most frequent question I get.

My answer is, "No, they are not."

Ordinary meteors do not appear green. They are exceptionally noisy — if they are large — and they fall in a conventional trajectory predetermined by gravity. The green fire balls are silent and they proceed along a path that appears to ignore gravity.

One explanation of their silence could be that they are above the atmosphere and that atmosphere is necessary to conduct sound. But if that be true, why do they burn? Another explanation is that they are electrical phenomena of some sort.

Two explanations have been advanced to explain their apparent defying of gravity. One is that they are lighter-than-air. Another also is that they are electrical phenomena.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, director of the Institute of Meteorics at the

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University of New Mexico, who we have often quoted in this column, says they have characteristics that rule both these explanations out.

Life Magazine has pointed out that eye witnesses checking the greenness of the objects have compared their color on a chart to the band at 5,200 angstroms. This is close to the green of burning copper, which is almost never found in meteorites. Aerologists say, however, that concentrations of copper particles are now present in the air of Arizona and New Mexico where none were encountered in air samples made before 1948.

We find this latter a most curious statement, particularly since it is hard to believe that air would stay around very long to be tested. Air has a restless habit of moving about the earth. Wind, you know.

A different idea of the cause of the green color is advanced by Prof. Fred L. Whipple of Harvard. He believes that the color probably arises from the presence of magnesium in meteors. Magnesium, says Whipple, is an abundant constituent of rock meteors and emits green light when incandescent. Their reported slowness may be due to their great distances.

A FEW weeks after *Life's* article saying that there probably are such things as Flying Saucers, out comes *Look* saying, of course, that there probably are not.

The *Look* article of June 17 deserves a respectful hearing if only because the author is Dr. Donald H. Menzel, professor of astrophysics and associate director of solar research at Harvard University.

Dr. Menzel's answer is that the saucers are actually mirages. People see them but they're really not there at all.

Where are they then? Well, they're somewhere else.

A mirage, explains Dr. Menzel, "is fundamentally an image caused by a lens of air. Since air lenses are almost never perfect, the world we see through them is distorted and unreal. . . ."

Dr. Menzel's idea is that most of these objects are seen over the desert. During the day the desert is extremely hot but at night the ground cools rapidly while the air cools more slowly. Yet the air in close contact with the ground is cooler at night than the air above it and for some distance it actually gets warmer. Later it cools off again as more altitude is reached. Somehow these different temperatures and densities of air act as lenses which project various earth images against the sky. The lights of a distant city will appear to be floating in the air. And the air contains waves and ripples so the lights seem to

move "like ripples of moonlight on the ocean. If the source is a line of distant street lamps, the images appear to fly in formation — the Lubbock Light phenomenon."

Bullet-shaped object was seen in cloudless sky over Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa, last year by Plane Capt. Jack Bicknell.

This is an engaging idea but it seems to me to make the same error that so many other scientists have made in proposing solutions to the saucer mystery: it explains some of the sightings very well, but cannot possibly explain them all.

What would Capt. Shipe Chiles say about Dr. Menzel's theory? What about some of the other airline captains? They know that what they saw bears little relation to mirages.

Another trouble with the theories of scientific observers, however responsible the men themselves may be, is that the theories have the disconcerting faculty of being different. The Flying Saucers cannot all be Venus; they cannot all be weather balloons; they cannot all be mirages.

Some of them cannot be any of these things.

Let's Visit Canada

WE could fill this magazine with reports on Flying Saucer phenomena which have recently come our way. To our many good friends who have sent in reports we can only apologize for not beginning to cover them all. But before we leave the subject this month we want to describe sightings in Canada during the spring.

The *Toronto Star* printed a story titled "Can't Laugh Them Off; Saucers May Be Real Canada Scientists Say." The article went on to report that Canada's top scientists now admit that flying saucers are a "definite possibility."

Dr. Peter Millman, Dominion astro-physicist, said, "We can't laugh off these observations."

And Dr. J. C. Mackenzie, chairman of the Atomic Energy Control Board and recently president of the National Research Council, stated: "These reports cannot be ignored as nonsense."

Group Capt. D. M. Edwards, director of Air Intelligence, admitted that one of his intelligence officers had investigated every case of a flying saucer in Canada. The result of each investigation had been submitted to Air Force headquarters and had then been

given to other Governments where flying saucers had been observed. Similar reports had been received from those governments by Canadian authorities.

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that two years ago he watched a mysterious object in the sky over Lake Ontario and filed a report with the Canadian Government.

The astonomer asked reporters for the *Toronto Telegram* to withhold his identity. He said that he had been showing Jupiter to a friend through a high-powered telescope when the object appeared on the southwest horizon above the lake. There was a reddish glow from what appeared to be portholes and the tail released a blue light like an acetylene torch as it soared northeast.

"There is no doubt," the astronomer told reporters, "that the world is witnessing a strange series of phenomena identified as 'Flying Saucers.' " He said he left open the question of whether they originated from other planets.

Queen of Diamonds

A STRANGE story comes to me from Munich, Germany, via Reuters.

In November, 1950, Dieter Elwenspoek, an announcer of the Bavarian Broadcasting Corporation, was reading the foreign news over Radio Munich. Elwenspoek had been complaining of a headache for hours before the program began. During his broadcast it got worse.

Suddenly he interrupted his report on a speech by Paul Henri-Spaak, Belgian socialist leader, to state clearly the words, "Regina, queen of diamonds."

Immediately the Bavarian Broadcasting Corporation asked the prosecutor general at Munich to make an investigation of the affair.

Press reports declared that at the same time Elwenspoek made his announcement, Viennese Magician Fritz Stroble was boasting to his audience in a theater that he could order by telepathy the announcement of any girl's name and playing card over Radio Munich which his listeners cared to select.

Elwenspoek asserted that as soon as he burst forth with "Regina, queen of diamonds," his headache vanished.

Lincoln's Ghost

WILLIAM HILLMAN'S book about President Truman, "Mr. President" gives an excerpt from one of the President's letters concerning Lincoln's ghost.

"My daughter and her two pals, Jane Lingo and Mrs. Wright — both lovely kids, are sleeping in Lincoln's bed tonight," President Truman wrote on April 10, 1951. "If I were not afraid it would scare them too badly I would have Lincoln appear. The maids and butlers swear he has appeared on several occasions. It is said that even Mrs. Coolidge saw him."

Aero Service Corporation Relief Map

This map scared the Pentagon. It pinpoints unexplained "flying saucer" sightings across the nation with concentrations near vital defense installations.

Fearful of danger from the skies, the United States Air Force is launching a secret scientific search to discover once-and-for-all what is the mysterious, unbelievable thing Americans keep sighting overhead

By J. ROBERT MOSKIN

The U. S. Air Force, entrusted with the defense of the United States from the skies, is mounting a new hunt for the mysterious, seen-but-never-caught "flying saucers" which for five years have had Americans excited, baffled and even terrified.

During the past two weeks, Air Force officials have begun experiments to verify the radically new theory of Dr. Donald H. Menzel of Harvard University. This nationally-known astronomer suggested in the last issue of LOOK that flying saucers are actually optical illusions caused by "temperature inversion" which projects images of earthly lights on the sky. This has already proved one of the most exciting explanations of flying saucers offered to the Air Force.

Asked about the Air Force's revived concern over flying saucers, after almost ignoring them for two years, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, chief of staff, in his first public statement on the subject, told LOOK:

"The Air Force is interested in anything that takes place in the air. This includes the aerial phenomena commonly known as 'flying saucers.' Many of these incidents have been satisfactorily explained. Others have not. With the present world unrest, we cannot afford to be complacent."

The Air Force has collected more than 800 sightings of flying saucers, and reports continue to flow in from our outposts like Alaska and Newfoundland and from our vital atomic installation sites. They are spurring the Air Force to seek answers to the saucer puzzle in a hurry.

This is a job for the detectives of the Air Force, the officers of the Air Technical Intelligence Command, working behind a shield of secret planning and classified documents at heavily-guarded Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside of Dayton, Ohio. Now for the first time exactly what Air Force Intelligence is doing about flying saucers can be revealed.

As one highly placed intelligence officer put it, "Our job is to detect any weapon that might be used against the United States. In the future, a weapon that 'probably was a meteor' may prove to be a global rocket."

Visual sighting reports can never give Intelligence accurate data on speeds, altitudes, size and composition of the objects seen. To get these facts, a methodical and scientific plan of great breadth has now been blueprinted. It includes these steps:

1. Under ATIC direction, a physicist at the University of California at Los Angeles is developing and testing a special camera to photograph flying saucers. Key to the new apparatus is a defraction grid consisting of a piece of glass etched with infinitely fine lines. Placed over the camera lens, this grid breaks down the image into slivers from which scientists can determine its composition. If the saucers prove to be bodies which glow, the grid will record the material they are made of. If their light comes from a fuel supply or a reflection, the grid will identify the light.

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